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HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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NEW COURSES BY DEEMED UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain problems are being faced by the deemed universities for getting UGC`s nod for new courses;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. A. A. FATMI)

(a)to(c) : The University Grants Commission (UGC), has informed that keeping in view of the problems being faced by the deemed universities, the UGC has decided that institutions declared as `Deemed to be Universities` will be empowered to start degree courses covered under general education in sciences, social sciences and humanities and specified under Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956, without any prior approval of the Commission, provided that such general courses of study are offered by them on a regular basis only through class-room teaching at their approved campus, subject to the condition that deemed universities would follow the UGC`s Regulations issued from time to time in this regard.

UGC has further informed that in respect of professional courses to be offered by deemed universities through the conventional class-room mode at their approved campuses, no prior approval would be required if they are already on offer elsewhere, yet, the Institutes will be required to maintain the norms and standards laid down by the respective professional / statutory councils, and shall be open for verification by the UGC and the appropriate Council, as the case may be. The above said decisions have been communicated to deemed universities by the UGC vide its letter dated My 15,2006,